



Universiteit Leiden

# Course and Examination Regulations

Valid from 1 September 2013

**Programme-specific section**

## **Master's Programme: Russian and Eurasian Studies**

These course and examination regulations have been drawn up in accordance with Section 7.13 of the Higher Education and Research Act [*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*] (WHW) (henceforth the Act) and additional quality marks as set out in the framework document Leiden University Register of Study Programmes [*Leids universitair register opleidingen*].

Pursuant to Section 7.14 of the Act the Faculty Board regularly evaluates the course and examination regulations and assesses, for the purpose of monitoring and, if necessary, adjusting the study load, the time it takes students to comply with the regulations. In conformity with Section 9.18 of the Act, the department teaching committee is assigned the task of annually assessing how the course and examination regulations are implemented.

These course and examination regulations consist of two sections: a general section that is the same for all programmes and a section that contains information that is specific to a particular programme. This programme-specific section forms a whole with the general section, and only contains the articles with content that is specific to a particular programme.

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## **Article 2.1 Objectives of the Programme**

The programme has the following objectives:

1. to enable students to acquire academic knowledge, understanding and skills, and train them in the use of scientific methods in the field of Russian and Eurasian Studies;
2. to enable students to develop the following academic and professional skills:
  - independent academic reasoning and conduct,
  - the ability to analyse complex problems,
  - academic reporting;
3. to prepare students for an academic career and further education;
4. to prepare students for a career outside academia.

## **Article 2.2 Specialisations**

Not applicable

## **Article 2.3 Achievement Levels**

Graduates of the programmes will have reached the following achievement levels, listed as far as possible according to the accreditation framework of the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO) (“Dublin descriptors”):

1. Knowledge and understanding:
  - Specialised knowledge of and multi- and interdisciplinary insight into a combination of Russia’s politics, history, economy, language, literature and culture, viewed in their national context and/or from a broader Eurasian and international perspective.
2. Applying knowledge and understanding:
  - The ability to operate a complex multi- and interdisciplinary scientific conceptual apparatus and to employ a variety of modern scientific methods, in order to independently develop a problem formulation in the field of Russian and Eurasian Studies.
3. Judgement:
  - a. The ability to independently define informed and persuasive viewpoints (on the basis of Russian and/or non-Russian sources and supplemented by one’s own findings) which have an added value to scholarly discussions about developments in the field of Russian and Eurasian Studies.
  - b. The ability to critically reflect on differing opinions and hypotheses as well as on one’s own research, taking into account and weighing alternative arguments.
4. Communication:
  - a. The ability to independently draw up an adequate scholarly report of the research conducted in the field of Russian and Eurasian Studies in various presentation forms.
  - b. The ability to communicate the scientific knowledge and skills that are characteristic of graduates of the master’s degree programme Russian and Eurasian Studies in a socially relevant way.
5. Learning skills
  - The learning skills required to be able to follow post-master’s professional training or a PhD training of a largely self-determined or autonomous nature.

## **Article 2.5 Study Load**

The programme has a study load of 60 ECTS credits.

## **Article 2.8 Language of Instruction**

In compliance with the Code of Conduct regarding Language of Instruction [*Gedragcode voertaal*<sup>1</sup>] the language of instruction and examination of the programme is English. Students are expected to have an adequate command of the language(s) of instruction of the programme.

## **Article 3.1 Compulsory Components**

3.1.1 The programme includes compulsory components totalling a study load of 60 ECTS credits. These compulsory components include the optional courses [*keuzevakken*] from which a student is obliged to choose. These compulsory components are listed in Appendix D. The study load (in credits) and the level are listed per course.

## **Article 3.4 Participation in courses**

Not applicable.

## **Article 4.2 Obligatory Order**

Not applicable.

## **Article 5.1 Direct Admission**

Direct admission to the programme is reserved for persons who are in possession of (one of) the following degree(s): a Bachelor's Degree of the Russian Studies programme of Leiden University.

## **Article 5.3 Entry Requirements**

Without prejudice to the provision in paragraph 5.2.1 regarding the capacity, those applicants will be admitted to the programme who:

- have earned the degree of Bachelor at a university not being a university of professional education, or demonstrate to meet the requirements for such a degree, including the General Academic Skills listed in Appendix C;
- are sufficiently proficient in the language of instruction, to be assessed by the faculty board (English TOEFL 600/250/100 or IELTS 7.0)
- possess comparable qualities in the field of knowledge, understanding and skills with those acquired upon graduating from the bachelor's programme referred to in article 5.1 (i.e. knowledge, understanding of and skills in at least two disciplines of the MA programme: politics, international relations, history, economics, linguistics, literature and culture).

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1. The Code of Conduct regarding Language of Instruction [*Gedragcode voertaal*] was adopted by the Executive Board on 11 July 2002 and can be found at on the following website: [media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/language of instruction.pdf](http://media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/language%20of%20instruction.pdf).

## Article 5.5 Bridging Programme

5.5.1 The programme has organised the following bridging programmes for students with a BA degree in Russian, Russian Culture, History and Society obtained at a University for Professional Education in the Netherlands in order to remedy deficiencies<sup>2</sup>:

Choose 30 EC from the following courses:

Semester	Title of Course	Number in Prospectus	Work form	Level	EC
1	History of the Soviet Union	5822IBGS2H	Sem.	300	10
1	Russian Literature & Culture of the 19th Century		Sem.	300	10
1	Russian Politics	5823VRPH	Sem.	300	10
1	Russian Language & Society	5642ITM	Sem.	300	10
1	Russian Linguistics 3	5643ITK3H	Sem.	300	10
2	Economics	5823IBAECH	Sem.	300	10
2	International Relations of Russia	5823IIBR	Sem.	300	10
2	Russian Literature 3	5643ILT3H	Sem.	300	10

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<sup>2</sup> The language of instruction is Dutch, but some courses may be taught in English.

## Abbreviations

### *Mode(s) of instruction:*

lc	lectures
sem	seminars
tut	tutorials
ss	self-study
exc	excursion
is	internship

### *Level:*

level of education according to the Leiden 100-600 structure.  
(see art. 4.1 of the general section of the Course and Examination Regulations)

### *Status of the course:*

- C (compulsory) if the course is a compulsory component for all students of the programme/specialisation/track
- O (optional) if the course is an optional component of the programme

### *Method(s) of assessment:*

w	written examination
wm	written examination with multiple choice questions
we	written examination with essay questions
wth	take home examination
wp	paper, essay, thesis
oe	oral examination
op	oral presentation
tr	translation

### *Retake:*

R (retake) if students who have not been successful in the first attempt can take a second examination for the course

### *Course objectives applied:*

according to the numeration of achievement levels in art. 2.3

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<i>Studiejaar</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Cursustitel</i>	<i>Docent(en), met initialen</i>	<i>Studieidsnummer</i>	<i>Werkvorm</i>	<i>Niveau</i>	<i>EC</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Aantal deelttoetsen</i>	<i>Toetsvormen</i>	<i>Eindtermen</i>
MA 1	I	The Political Economy of Russia and Eurasia	M. Bader	5644IRU08	WC	500	10	K*	10	sw	1,2,3,4
MA 1	I	Language & Society (1) – Old Church Slavonic	J. Kamphuis	5644IRU01	WC	500	10	K*	2	mt	1,2,3,4
MA 1	I	Culture & Literature – Russian Culture of the Thaw (1953-1968)	O. Boele	5644IRU02	WC	500	10	K*	5	sw, pr	1,2,3,4
MA 1	I	MA thesis		5644VRU01	WC+Z S	600	10	V	1	sw	1,2,3,4
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MA 1	II	The International Relations of Russia and Eurasia	vacature	5644IRU03	WC	500	10	K*	4	sw	1,2,3,4
MA 1	II	History – Nationality in Imperial and Soviet Russia	H. Kern	5644IRU07	WC	500	10	K*	6	sw, pr	1,2,3,4
MA 1	II	Linguistics – Topics in (Russian) Language & Linguistics	E. Fortuin	5644IRU05	WC	500	10	K*	4	sw, pr	1,2,3,4
MA 1	II	Language & Society (2) – Linguistic Visions on Language & Society	A. van Helden	5644IRU04	Wc	500	10	K*	4	sw, pr	1,2,3,4
MA 1	II	MA thesis		5824IMSCR	WC+Z S	600	10	V	1	sw	1,2,3,4
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<p>* The student chooses four courses from the programme. Upon approval by the Board of Examiners, the student can exchange one course of 10 ECTS for a master's course not pertaining to the programme, on condition that the latter is in accordance with the programme's general objectives. In well-motivated cases, an exchange of more courses can be considered by the Board.</p>											